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EMIGRE PAPER REPORTS 3 MINISTERS JAILED,
2,000 ARRESTED IN HUNGARIAN CONSPIRACY

The Budapest government again faces rebellion in the ranks of the special police and in the administration.

The great Transdanubian conspiracy, which was uncovered early in April, was that of the armed forces girding for action: the local police and the "unshakable" AVO (State Security Authority) troops had turned on the Rakosi wing. At present, the number arrested is estimated at approximately 2,000. The new prisoners are not reactionaries or right wing Social Democrats, but are all staunch Communists.

Along with the military commanders of Pecs, Szombathely, and Kaposvar, Police General Istvan Ratulvaszky and many army and police officers were arrested. Eight officers of the AVO troops which defied the government were killed in a gun battle. The Transdanubian conspiracy was a mass movement which swept along with its Soviet troops stationed in the area. Many Soviet officers were arrested by the green-capped MVD.

In a manner reminiscent of Nazi liquidation, Janos Kadar undersecretary of the Hungarian Workers' Party [and minister in charge of the AVO]; Gyula Kallai, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Sandor Zold, former Minister of the Interior, were arrested in rapid succession.

Kallai and Kadar were arrested in their offices about 12 March. Kallai allegedly seized a weapon when AVO officers broke into his office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Now news has been received regarding the arrest of Janos Kadar.

According to reports, Minister of the Interior Zold, who was second only to AVO chief Gabor Peter among Rakosi's henchmen, was dumbfounded when he heard his letter of resignation read at the 20 April meeting of the Council of Ministers. Following the Soviet pattern, newly appointed officials of Iron Curtain

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countries must submit a letter of resignation when they are appointed to office. An official who has "resigned" can do only one thing, acknowledge his "guilt." Sandor Zold took the resignation to be a mistake, and sat through the meeting. Days passed before Zold gave in and resigned officially. However, he could not have felt very secure, because after he had heard of Kallai's arrest he hurried home, had a glass of cognac, and shot his family. He first shot his wife, then one child and the child's governess. He failed to notice another child, a small daughter, playing in the garden. The neighbors heard the father calling loudly, and then heard an additional shot.

The government cannot keep these events a secret, and there is enormous unrest in the country. There is no connection between the internment of former Prime Minister Istvan Friedrich, former representative Hugo Payr, and other political figures, with this internal conflict of the Communists.

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